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1. On 27 May 1954, as a result of a food famine in the Wenchou (N 28-02, E 120-40) area that had been caused by a failure of crops and by Chinese Communist food controls, approximately 2,000 inhabitants of Wenchou gathered in front of a city office to plead for food relief. The Communist authorities arrested three of the inhabitants on the charge that they were Nationalist agents plotting disorder.
2. All radios owned by civilians in Wenchou in mid-June were under the control of the Chinese Communist authorities. People seldom had an opportunity to listen to the radio except through loudspeakers installed and controlled by the Communists. These loudspeakers were in public buildings, in schools, or at main intersections. A store next to an inn near the small South Gate in Wenchou rented receivers to the public.
3. Rickshas in Wenchou were under the control of the Police Bureau. Rates for ricksha rides were controlled by the police. Only persons who were ill or carrying luggage could ride in a ricksha without drawing undue attention to themselves.
4. No tipping was allowed in Wenchou restaurants.

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